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Applicant: David E. Berg et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/966,311 ) Ex. SHAHNAN  
Filed: 28 September 2001 )  
Title: METHOD FOR DETECTING PROCOAGULANT ) Art Unit: 1645  
GENETIC AND METABOLIC CONDITIONS )  
ASSOCIATED WITH, AND POTENTIALLY )  
PREDISPOSITIONAL FOR, ACTIVATION OF )  
THE COAGULATION RESPONSE )

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed 25 August 2003, in the above identified case. A shortened statutory period for response has been set for 1 month, up to and including 25 September 2003. A request for a two-(2-) month extension of time, to and including 25 November 2003, is included herewith.

Claims 1 through 44 were presented for examination. Said claims now stand subject to restriction.

In response thereto, Applicant, through his undersigned attorney, sets forth the following remarks.

### The Requirement for Restriction

Restriction has been required to one of the following inventions:

- I. Group I, claim 1, drawn to a method for determining abnormal procoagulant factors, classified in class 435, subclass 2.
- II. Group II, claims 2, drawn to a method of treating, classified in class 436, subclass 811.
- III. Group III, claims 3 - 44, drawing to a method for diagnosing the presence of procoagulant factors, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

### The Election

For purposes of immediate examination, Applicant hereby elects the following invention:

- I. Group I, claim 1, drawn to a method for determining abnormal procoagulant factors, classified in class 435, subclass 2.

This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to the subsequent filing of a continuing or divisional application directed to the non-elected invention.

Should there be any questions or remaining issues regarding the foregoing, Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for a speedy resolution.

Respectfully requested,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael W. Goltry', with a large, stylized initial 'M' and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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